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MEMORANDUM FOR Study of Classified Printing by The Staff of The Joint Committee on Printing

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1. The undersigned, accompanied by [redacted] of the Security Office, on this date attended the third meeting held by the Joint Committee on Printing to consider various problems with respect to classified printing. Representatives of Navy, Army, Air Force, AEC, GPO, Justice, State Department, and the Committee staff were also present at this meeting.
2. Mr. Paul Beach, Chief Clerk of the Committee, acted as chairman of the meeting. He opened the meeting by asking the various agency representatives to report their reactions to the security measures taken at the main GPO plant which were observed by the various agency representatives on their visit to this plant on 21 October 1954. The Department of Defense representatives indicated that they were satisfied with the security measures taken by GPO in the handling of classified printing and that, with a few minor adjustments on the part of GPO, they will be willing to continue sending their classified printing to this office. The Air Force representative stated that a three man committee representing each of the Defense Departments had made another and more thorough inspection of the plant and the Air Force is now preparing a formal report of this visit. Briefly, however, the Air Force representative stated that the report will make three recommendations for improvement of security at the main GPO. These recommendations are: (a) all employees handling classified printing should be given a full field investigation; (b) all areas not now compartmentalized to be compartmentalized as soon as possible; and (c) the badge system now employed at GPO be modified by the adoption of a different color of badge for those persons having the right of access to restricted areas.
3. The GPO representative stated that he was certain that all of the above recommendations would be agreeable to the GPO. He further stated that GPO had already spent \$9,000 in partitioning off the various work rooms and that they are prepared to spend an additional \$23,000 to complete this job.
4. The only other agency which indicated that they would make immediate use of the main GPO facility for classified printing was the Department of State. Atomic Energy Commission representatives stated that while they were fairly well satisfied with the security of the main GPO plant, their present volume of work was so small

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that it would not be prudent to require a "Q" clearance on the large number of employees involved in order for them to perform this small amount of AEC work. The AEC representatives stated, however, that in the event of an emergency situation they would be glad to utilize the main GPO for certain of their work.

5. In reporting for CIA, I stated that the Agency representatives were impressed by the sincerity of GPO in making every effort to provide ample security for all classified printing but that since we have sufficient capacity for our work by utilizing our own facilities and the GPO-State Service plant, it would not be necessary for us to use the main GPO for our classified printing. Because of this, we had not prepared a report of our visit to the main GPO and would not otherwise burden the group with opinions on the matter.

6. Mr. Beach introduced a discussion of the status of the GPO-State Service plant in the security printing picture. He expressed some concern regarding the alterations being made in South Building which he said had had some effect on the production of the plant. I assured Mr. Beach that CIA was entirely aware of the situation with respect to production interruptions caused by the alterations and that we were doing all that is necessary to maintain top production in this plant. I assured him that we would continue to work with GPO not only to maintain peak production in this plant but also to maintain the utmost security in connection therewith. Mr. Beach mentioned the loss to the plant of vault space in South Building and asked if there was any way to alleviate this situation. He was assured that we are aware of this situation and would work with GPO to provide sufficient space for vault purposes. There was some discussion of the possibility of relocation of this plant either in space provided by the Agency or in leased space acquired by GPO. The result of this discussion was the assurance that we will cooperate with GPO at all times in seeing that the plant has sufficient space in which to operate. After further discussion regarding the status of the GPO-State Service plant, the Committee staff, in answer to a direct question, stated that no change in the status of this plant is contemplated.

7. The Committee staff then explored the possibility of enlarging present defense agency printing facilities so that they could do their own classified printing. The result of this discussion seemed to indicate that such a solution to the classified printing problem would be far more expensive than having the main GPO adequately situated to do the work.

8. The Committee staff decided to obtain figures on number, size, and cost of jobs of classified printing produced by the main GPO in the last six months for purposes of analysis and to assist

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them in making their final determination as to the status of the main GPO plant with respect to classified printing. The Committee staff stated that when they obtain the above information, they will have sufficient information on which to base a recommendation to the Joint Committee on Printing regarding the security clearance of employees in the Government Printing Office. They further stated that no future meetings appear to be necessary at this time but that if they are found to be necessary, they will notify the various agency representatives.

9. This concludes the deliberations of this group. Agency interests have been fully protected with the result that we shall continue to utilize our own facilities and the GPO-State Service plant for all of our classified printing.

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